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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Atsushi YAMAGUCHI et al.

Group Art Unit: 1773

Application No.: 09/942,678

Examiner:

N. Uhlir

Filed: August 31, 2001

Docket No.:

110533

For:

COBALT-NICKEL-IRON ALLOY THIN FILM AND METHOD OF FORMING THE

SAME, AND THIN-FILM MAGNETIC HEAD AND METHOD OF

MANUFACTURING SAME

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the December 2, 2003 Office Action, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims; and

Remarks.